

The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1904.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1880 and the *True Southern* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southern* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

The suggestion made by Mr. McMaster in the Columbia State that Mr. E. I. Reardon be made secretary of the proposed Chamber of Commerce of Sumter is a good one in many respects, but it has one serious drawback—the city would lose an invaluable Health Officer.

State Superintendent of Education Martin's recommendation that the South Carolina Military Academy (the Citadel) be removed from Charleston and united with the South Carolina College will probably not be seriously considered by the Legislature. We do not believe the removal would be wise, for the two institutions would both lose their distinctive character and the result would be detrimental to both.

The public schools of the State have received another installment of dispensary profits, amounting this time to \$75,000. If the estimate of Rev. Mr. Hickson, of Gaffney, that for every cent that the schools receive the people of South Carolina consume a dollar's worth of liquor, is correct, the support of the schools through the instrumentality of the dispensary system is an enormously expensive proceeding.

Mrs. Chadwick seems to have rivalled the famous Madam Humbert in the skill with which she carried on her confidence operations, although she did not secure as much money from her dupes as her Parisian prototype.

President Roosevelt's message is a lengthy document, but it is well written and reads well. To those who have leisure and are interested in governmental affairs from the President's point of view will find it worth their while.

Dr. Crum of Charleston is again a live issue, but it is not as vigorous as formerly. The President has again sent his nomination as Collector of the Port of Charleston to the Senate, and it is said in Washington that the appointment will, in all probability, be confirmed at this session. The President is determined not to withdraw the nomination and it has become a result of the President's determined attitude, a party question. Senator Tillman and his Democratic colleagues may oppose the confirmation, but it is believed that they will not make as determined a fight as they have heretofore.

Old "Me Too" Platt, Republican boss and Senator from New York, has prepared a bill at the instance of the National Republican League which has as its object the reduction of the representation of the South in the House of Representatives. The bill is said to be drawn along the lines of the Crumpacker measure, only it is more radical and drastic. The bill is a partisan and sectional measure, pure and simple, and is intended as a blow at the Democratic South. If it becomes a law it will reduce the representation of the South by sixteen, of which South Carolina will probably furnish two.

The Spartanburg Journal has pronounced one question in the course of editorial discussion of the relations of the Richland Distillery Company with the dispensary system, the banks and the newspapers of Columbia, that we would like to see answered. It was: How does the Richland Distillery manage to make corn whiskey, rye whiskey, gin, brandy and various other liquors from corn and nothing else, and how does it succeed in making and selling liquor guaranteed to be seven or eight years old when the distillery has been in operation only about half of that period. All of this may be a trade secret and susceptible of a satisfactory explanation, but nevertheless excites the curiosity of a man on the outside.

The clay and sand mixture for road-building is growing in favor with road builders and the experience of the past few years has convinced some of the experts that clay and sand have advantages over macadam for public roads and city streets as well, except where the traffic is of the heaviest. If this view be found correct it would be well for our City Council to call a halt on macadam work in this city and use clay more largely. We have the sand in superabundance, and clay of the best quality can assuredly be procured cheaper than the rock that is now being used for macadam. Some months ago it was stated that an extensive bed of iron ore had been discovered within a few miles of the city and that it could be mined and crushed for road building cheaper than rock could be purchased from the Newberry quarry, but nothing has been done so far as the writer is informed, to make a practical test of the matter or even to ascertain the

extent of the body of ore, although it was stated at the time the matter was first discussed that the city and county authorities would join forces to develop the quarry and make a practical test of the rock as a road material. The good road question is the most important that is now before the people and the future growth and prosperity of this section of country is more dependent upon the construction of good roads than upon the price of cotton or the tariff or any other of the questions generally regarded as of the first importance. If clay and sand is as good as macadam for ordinary roads then Sumter county can and should have good roads if it is necessary to resort to the North Carolina system of issuing county bonds to raise the money to construct them.

Mrs. Chadwick developed talents of rare order of the school of frenzied finance and it is a wonder she was not enlisted in the promotion of Amalgamated copper, United States Steel, the Shipbuilding Trust or some other of the pet schemes hatched by those whom Lawson generally describes as "votaries of the system." Had she done so, she could have separated many more people from many more millions and remained a shining light of finance and a lauded benefactor of numerous colleges. She made a mistake in not getting into the inner circle of high finance, and the penalty for that mistake is a cell in the Tomb.

The plan to hold cotton and curtail production next year, now being vigorously agitated and earnestly advocated by the various farmers associations throughout the South, is excellent in theory, and would attain the results desired, if carried out. But it is just here that the trouble comes in—it would not be carried out. Every farmer is a free agent and will act as it seems to him best, selling when he thinks it is to his advantage to do so and increasing his acreage if he becomes convinced that there is the probability of a general reduction of the cotton acreage. This has been the history of previous efforts to control the production of cotton and dictate the price, and it is not reasonable to suppose that the present effort will be attended by different results. It would be profitable to the cotton growers as a whole and to the South if the farmers could get together on some basis and control the production and marketing of cotton, but we fear that this consummation so devoutly to be wished is but a dream that will never come true.

The movement to establish a commercial club and the effort that is to be made to organize a Chamber of Commerce have, almost identically, the same objects in view, although the methods to be pursued are somewhat different. Both plans contemplate uniting the business men of Sumter to work for the development of the city by cooperation and by inducing outside capitalists to invest their surplus money in Sumter. It seems certain, however, that this city cannot maintain two organizations to perform practically the same work and while we are and have been for several years heartily in favor of such an organization, as frequent articles dealing with this subject prove, yet we are free to say that it will be both unwise and unprofitable to organize both a Commercial Club and a Chamber of Commerce. The business men of Sumter, are, we believe ready to do all that lies within their power to maintain an organization to do the work needed and it remains for them to decide which of the two proposed organizations they will support.

NEWBERRY DAILY SUSPENDS.

The Evening Telegram, of Newberry a bright and well printed daily, which has been published a little more than six months by Mr. E. H. Aull, has suspended on account of lack of support. The paper has been put out in first class style and deserved to succeed. Its suspension is a loss to Newberry, but if the business men of that city did not give it sufficient support, Mr. Aull did the right thing to suspend. The announcement of suspension closes thus:

To those who gave us support we are deeply grateful. For those who did not we have only the kindest wishes.

The Executive Committee of the Fall Festival met in the City Clerk's Office at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon with a majority of the committeemen present. Vice President Wilson presided, President Haynsworth being absent by reason of illness. The auditing committee presented a written report and a complete statement of the financial transactions of the officers and various committees. The statement showed that the Secretary's and Treasurer's accounts were absolutely correct. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were authorized and directed to proceed with the settlement of all outstanding accounts and to wind up the affairs of the festival committee as expeditiously as possible. One more meeting of the full committee will be held, at which it is expected a final settlement will be reported and the committee will then dissolve. A full statement of the receipts and disbursements of the committee will be prepared for publication when the final settlement shall have been made.

THE SUMTER MACHINERY COMPANY.

The Company Organized by the Election of Directors and Officers.

The Sumter Machinery Company was organized today with a paid up capital of \$12,000.

The following directors were elected: Thomas H. Siddall, Charles Dewey Geo. D. Shore, W. B. Burns, Neill O'Donnell, C. G. Rowland, R. I. Manning.

The directors elected the following officers: President, W. B. Burns, Vice President, C. G. Rowland, Secretary, Geo. D. Shore, Treasurer and General Manager, Thos. H. Siddall.

This company proposes to manufacture wood working machinery, operate a foundry and have a complete and well equipped shop for all classes of machinery repair work.

The company will also carry a full line of mill supplies, fittings, etc.

A site has been purchased from W. M. Graham, on the south side of the W. C. & A. R. R., near the old junction of the C. S. & N. R. R. The site purchased is not only large enough for present needs, but affords room for future expansion of the plant as the business grows.

The work of erection will begin in the near future and it is expected that the plant will be in operation early in the spring.

Mr. Siddall, the general manager, will move to Sumter at once and it is hoped that Mr. Dewey will also decide to make his home here as it will be to Sumter's advantage to gain such citizens, but as he is the head of the firm of Dewey Bros., of Goldsboro, N. C., which is one of the largest machinery supply houses of North Carolina, it may be that his interests there will prevent his early removal to this city.

THE CHRISTMAS MASS MEETING.

The Sunday Schools Will Meet Sunday Afternoon to Raise Funds for the Poor.

The annual mass meeting of the Sunday schools of the city will be held in the Presbyterian church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the object being to raise money to provide Christmas gifts for the poor children of the city and to furnish provisions for a Christmas dinner for every needy family. Not only the Sunday school children, but their parents and all charitably disposed persons are expected to attend the meeting. They will be cordially welcomed and their contributions to the fund for providing Christmas cheer for those who are unable to provide for themselves, will be gladly received. The cause is a worthy one, it should appeal to everyone and cause the purse strings to be loosened. For fully ten years the people of Sumter have seen to it that no needy person has been without a substantial and appetite-tempting Christmas dinner, nor has any child been left sad and heart sick because it was forgotten by Santa Claus. It is a custom that is peculiar to Sumter and it should be perpetuated for all time. It makes Sumter a better town and her people better people by reason of its observance, and each year the fund should be larger and the Christmas gifts to the poor more generous.

The Hotel Jackson Fire.

About 11:30 o'clock today the Hotel Jackson sent in a fire alarm, which was very promptly responded to. One of the pipes connected with the large furnace in the cellar became heated to a cherry-red; and, as the watchman had left, it scorched the wood with which it was in contact, causing large volumes of smoke to rise from the building. The small hose used in the yard of the hotel was put in play upon the smoking wood, and by the time the hose wagons arrived, the building was out of danger. The damage, if any, is very small, but is fully covered by insurance.

Straight Facts.

A whole lot of fancy phrases can be written about remedies, but it takes facts to prove anything—good straight facts. And the strongest fact you ever heard is that Tannopiline is the best cure for piles on the market. It cures absolutely. Has a healing, soothing effect from the start.

All druggists have it for \$1.00 a jar. Ask for Tannopiline and don't dare take a substitute.

Coroner Flowers, who held an inquest over the body of Hardy Wright Thursday afternoon, states that he examined two boys who witnessed the fight between Wright and Thomas Isaac and saw the latter strike Wright behind the ear with a brickbat which he held in his hand. He also examined Dr. Birnie who attended Wright, and he testified that Wright's death was due to concussion of the brain, resulting from a blow on the side of the head. Isaac left the neighborhood a few days after the difficulty, but a warrant for his arrest has been issued. The fight occurred near the house of Wright's father, a mile or more from the city, and not near Barwick's store as reported. Both Wright and Isaac were boys between fifteen and twenty years old.

Thomas Isaac, the negro boy who is charged with causing the death of Hardy Wright having struck him on the head with a brick several weeks ago, was brought in this morning by his mother and surrendered to the Sheriff.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their Christmas sale of dressed dolls in the store formerly occupied by the D. J. Chandler Clothing Co., Friday and Saturday, beginning at 2 o'clock, Friday afternoon. The display of dolls will be larger and more elaborate this season than ever before and the children and their parents will be sure to find what they want in the doll line if they attend this sale.

The stand pipe has been repainted and as soon as a new set of valves, required when the pressure is maintained by direct connection from the pumps to the mains are received, it will be emptied and the interior given a thorough cleaning. The water company has the stand pipe repainted at intervals of four years and at the same time has the interior scraped and scoured from top to bottom.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHED.

O'Donnell & Co., have today an advertisement directed especially to holiday shoppers. Read it and consider the suggestions it contains.

At a meeting of the Sumter Cemetery Association held Wednesday afternoon, Mr. J. S. Kennedy was engaged to take charge of the cemetery in place of Mr. R. S. Freeman resigned.

Owing to a conflict of dates between the meeting of the City Council and the meeting to organize a Chamber of Commerce this evening, the meeting for organization of the Chamber of Commerce has been postponed until Thursday night, Dec. 15, at 8 o'clock at the County Court House.

The telephone line was completed to Summertown Thursday and communication was established. The line is a part of the Sumter Telephone Company's system and will be a great convenience to the patrons of that company as well as to the people of Summertown.

If the cotton that has been held is dumped on the market between now and January 1st the price will certainly go still lower, and it is said that some of those who were holding for fifteen cents when the price was ten are becoming panicky, and are hunting buyers at any price.

The City Council is having put in the City Clerk's office a long needed and a very substantial and convenient steel filing case for documents. This is well, as far as it goes, but what is more needed is a fire proof safe or vault for the safe keeping of valuable papers and records. Should the City Hall burn some night every record and book of the city would be destroyed unless there should be opportunity to remove them.

At the meeting of Game Cock Lodge, K. of P. Monday night, a contribution of \$10 was voted to the fund to be raised by the Sunday schools for the poor of the city. Game Cock Lodge contributes this amount annually to the Christmas fund for the poor and the other lodges have been accustomed to make similar contributions.

A report was circulated on the streets this morning that W. T. Grooms, Superintendent of the Lee County chain gang, committed suicide last night. The report aroused considerable interest, as Mr. Grooms was a former Sumter county man and for several years a guard on the county chain gang. A telephone message to Bishopville brought the reply that Mr. Grooms was alive and well and at the present time has no intention of shuffling off this mortal coil.

It is not safe to leave bicycles on the piazza, as the wheel thieves are very bold. Thursday night a wheel was stolen from H. J. Harby's front piazza while the family were sitting in the front room. The thief was seen in the act of taking the wheel and was pursued, but made his escape on the wheel.

Mr. J. H. Scarborough, returned Saturday night from Savannah, Ga., where he went last Thursday to attend a meeting of the Southern Lumberman's Association, which met for the purpose of conferring with representatives of the leading lumber dealers of Baltimore and Philadelphia, New York, Boston and other lumber distributing centers in reference to the adoption of a new classification to take the place of the classification that has been in force since 1883. The old classification was adopted, when only long leaf yellow pine was cut and shipped by Southern mills and it does not apply to present conditions since all mills are now cutting long leaf, rosemerry and short straw pine. The old classification was so rigid that few mills can accept orders on that basis. The new classification was discussed and a number of mills in the vicinity of Savannah were visited for the purpose of giving the Northern lumber dealers an insight into the real conditions of the Southern mill business. It is thought that the new classification will be mutually beneficial to the mill men and lumber dealers and will place the business on a more satisfactory basis. Messrs. J. H. Scarborough, of this city, D. T. McKeithan, of Lumber and William Godfrey, of Cheraw represented the South Carolina Association at the Savannah meeting.

Thoroughbred Colt Sale.

Don't forget the auction sale of Kentucky bred thoroughbred colts which will take place at Graham's Stable tomorrow. If you want to own a horse of the best breeding in the world you should buy one of these colts.

The man who wants a horse will have the opportunity to buy one at his own price on Saturday, Dec. 17th, when a car load of well broke young horses will be sold at auction at Epperson's stable. See the advertisement in this paper for further particulars.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the health of the people of this county is in imminent danger and must be taken care of. It has been decided that every precaution be taken to prevent prolonged cases of pneumonia, grippe, etc. The best thing to do is to give a good cough mixture as soon as the cough starts. Get MURRAY'S HOREHOUND, MULLIN AND TAR. Only 25c. a bottle. At all druggists.

NOTICE

HAVING this day sold to Mr. J. McF. Spann, the book and stationery business conducted for the past ten years by the undersigned under the firm name of H. G. Osten & Co., this is to notify the public that all accounts due the firm of H. G. Osten & Co. must be settled without delay and that all claims against said firm should be presented at once.

For our successor, Mr. J. M. Spann, we bespeak the continued patronage of our friends and customers. The business will be continued by him at the same stand, 16 West Liberty street, under the name and title of The Sumter Book Store.

H. G. OSTEN,
C. P. OSTEN.

Dec. 13—1t

TAX RETURNS FOR 1905.

OFFICE OF
COUNTY AUDITOR, SUMTER COUNTY,
SUMTER, S. C., Dec. 14, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that I will attend, in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated, respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of personal property and poll taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1905.

Tindal's Store, Monday, January 9th.
Privateer, (Jenkins's Store) Tues. Jan. 10.
Manchester, (Mr. Gardner, Levi's) Wednesday, Jan. 11th.
Wedgfield, Thursday, Jan. 12th.
Stateburg, Friday, Jan. 13th.
Hagood, Monday, Jan. 16th.
Rembert's, Tuesday, January 17th.
Dalzell, Wednesday, January 18th.
Gordon's Mill, Friday, Jan. 20th.
Mayesville, Monday, Jan. 23rd.
Shiloh, Tuesday, Jan. 24th.
Norwood's Roads, Wednesday, Jan. 25.
Oswego, Friday, Jan. 27th.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, etc., return the same under oath to the Auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. penalty which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

Taxpayers return what they own on the first day of January 1905.

Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each township where the property is located and also in each and every case the Number of the school district must be given.

Every male citizen between the age of twenty-one and sixty years on the first day of January, 1905, except those incapable of earning a support from being married or from other causes, are deemed taxable polls, and except Confederate soldiers 50 years of age, on January 1st, 1905.

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February, next. I cannot take returns after that date and all returns made after the 20th day of February, are subject to a penalty of 50 per cent.

J. DIGGS WILDER,
Auditor Sumter County.

FOR RENT OR SHARE CROP.

A FOUR horse or two horse farm, with or without equipment, near Stateburg, Sumter county. Good land and cultivated. Nice settlement. Address, R. M. Cantey, Claremont, S. C., or A. M. Lee, P. O. Box 326, Charleston, S. C.

Nov 23—1t

Cabbage Plants.

From the best tested seeds. Now ready for shipment, large, strong, healthy, these plants are grown in the open air and will stand severe freezes without injury. Early Jersey Wakefield, Large Type or Charleston Wakefield, which are the best known varieties of early cabbages, also Henderson's Succession, the best large, late and sure header, Augusta Early Truckee, also a fine type of late variety. Neatly packed in light baskets, \$1.50 per M.; for five thousand or over \$1.25 per M. F. O. B. express office. Special prices made on large lots.

Chas. M. Gibson,
YOUNGS ISLAND, S. C.
Dec. 14-3mos.

A Stock of Glasses

From which you can select any style of glasses you could name. We guarantee the grinding and the purity and the accuracy of what we furnish. All the lenses are of the very best. If it's spectacles or eye glasses, we fit them accurately.

No Danger of Bad Vision When We Fit Your Eyes.

I wish to announce that I will move to Asheville, N. C., in January, and would like to have you to take note of my address as I will be able to supply you with duplicate glasses and repairs just as well as if I were in your neighborhood. I have a record of all prescriptions and can duplicate any lens by seeing the broken pieces or referring to the original prescription. Mail orders solicited.

Z. F. Highsmith,
OPTICIAN,
SUMTER, S. C.

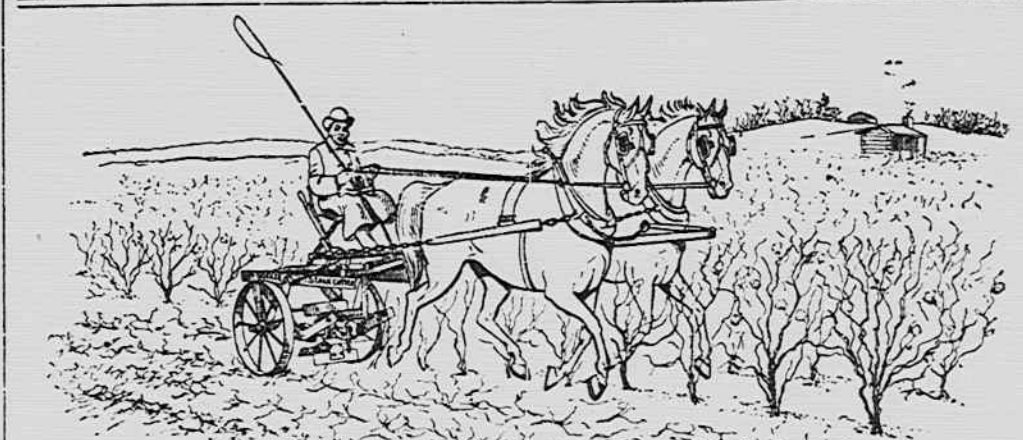
Christmas Shopping.

The near approach of the holidays sets the average person to thinking of their friends, and the most appropriate gift to give them. We may be pardoned for suggesting the advisability of considering more, the usefulness of an article, than its ornamentation, as a Christmas gift, and while we make no specialty of holiday goods our stock will be found to contain many things that make useful and appropriate presents.

PIANO COVERS.	KNIT SHAWLS.	LADIES' GLOVES.
\$2.50, \$3, \$4.	.50, \$1, \$1.50.	.25, .50, .75, \$1.
TABLE COVERS.	FASCINATORS.	GENTS' GLOVES.
.50, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.50.	.25, .50, \$1.	.25, .50, .75, \$1, \$1.50.
LAP ROBES.	FURS.	RUGS.
\$1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.50, 5.00, 7.50.	\$1, 1.50, 2.50, 5.00, 7.50, 10.00.	\$1, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.00, 6.50.
HANDKERCHIEFS.	TOILET SOAP.	COLOGNE.
.5, .10, .15, .25, .50, \$1.00, \$1.50.	.10, .15, .20, .25 & .50 Per Box.	.25, .50, \$1.00 in single boxes.
LADIES' SHOPPING BAGS.	LADIES' BED-ROOM SLIPPERS.	LADIES' NECKWEAR.
.50, \$1.00, \$1.50.	\$1.00, \$1.50.	.25, .50, .75, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50.
UMBRELLAS.	GENTS' NECKWEAR.	TOWELS.
\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50.	.25, .50, \$1.00.	.15, .25, .50.

If you wish to be real generous, add a pair of "TAR HEEL" BLANKETS.

O'DONNELL & CO.



The Dixie Stalk Cutter—Wagon Attachment.

Parties desiring A Good Stalk Cutter will find "The DIXIE" to be made of the Best Pennsylvania Steel and guaranteed not to clog and to give entire satisfaction.

Our machines can be found at S. M. Pierson's livery stable, 6 and 8 S. Harvin street.

The Dixie Stalk Cutter Co., Sumter, S. C.